

— **REMARKS** —

In the June 12, 2008 Office Action, claim 1 stands rejected in view of prior art, while claims 4, 6, and 7 were indicated as allowed and claims 2, 3, and 5 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. No other objections or rejections were made in the Office Action.

Status of Claims and Amendments

In response to the June 12, 2008 Office Action, Applicant has cancelled claim 1 and amended claims 2 and 3 to rewrite these claims into independent form as indicated above. Also, Applicant has added new claims 9-11. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter and the thorough examination of this application. Thus, claims 2-11 are pending, with claims 2-4 being the only independent claims. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested in view of above amendments and the following comments.

Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

On page 2 of the Office Action, claim 1 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kupferberg (U.S. Patent No. 5,439,349). In response, Applicant has cancelled claim 1, rendering the rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

On page 3 of the Office Action, claims 4, 6, and 7 were indicated as allowed and claims 2, 3, and 5 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter and the thorough examination of this application. In response, Applicant has amended claims 2 and 3 to place them in independent form. Thus, independent claims 2 and 3, and dependent claim 5, which depends from the rewritten independent claim 2, are believed to be allowable.

New Claims

Applicant has added new claims 9-11 by the current Amendment. These claims are believed to be allowable since claims 9-11 depend from the independent claims 2, 3, or 4, which are also believed to be allowable in light of the reasons stated above.

Examination and consideration are respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and comments, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 2-11 are now in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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